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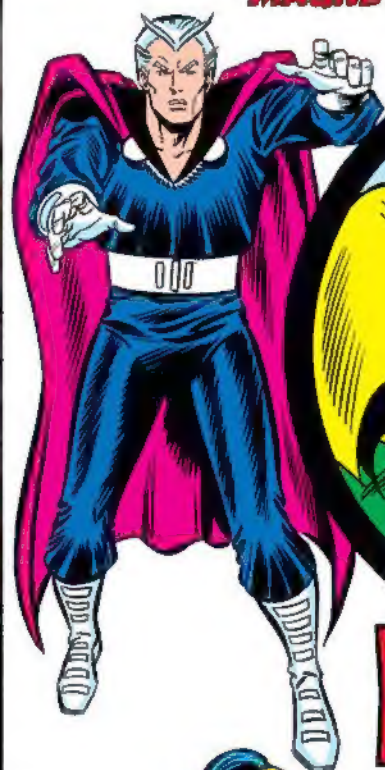
THE VISION™

AND THE Scarlet Witch™

GUEST STARRING--
MAGNETO!

AT LAST! THE
MOMENT YOU'VE
BEEN WAITING FOR!

**WONDER
MAN!**



THE SCARLET WITCH GIVES
BIRTH!
BUT NOT WITHOUT COMPLICATIONS!



He's a synthetic man! She's a mutant sorceress! Once they were outcasts, but now they have each other, and a love which can withstand every danger they face!

Stan
Lee
PRESENTS:

VISION and the Scarlet Witch

FOR A GIRAFFE, IT TAKES 425 DAYS TO HAVE A BABY! FOR A PIGEON IT TAKES 18, AND THAT'S IN AN EGG IN A NEST!

FOR A DONKEY, IT TAKES ONE YEAR EXACTLY--

--FOR A HUMAN, JUST NINE MONTHS!



WELL, WANDA, IT'S ANY DAY NOW, ISN'T IT?

SIX DAYS, ILVA! DUE DATE'S THURSDAY!

OF COURSE, NINE MONTHS IS JUST AN AVERAGE--!

DOUBLE SIZED CLIMAX!

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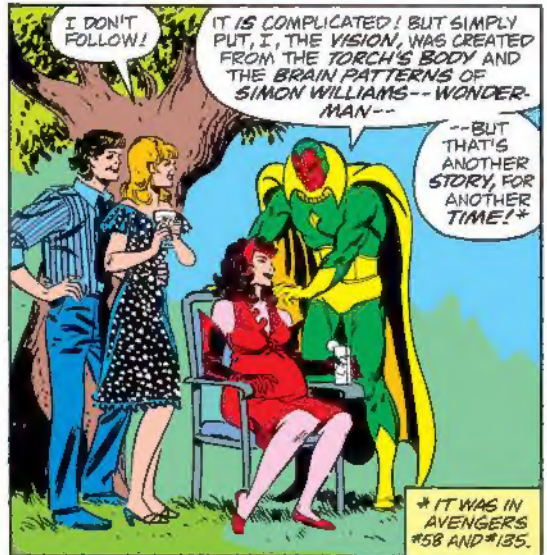
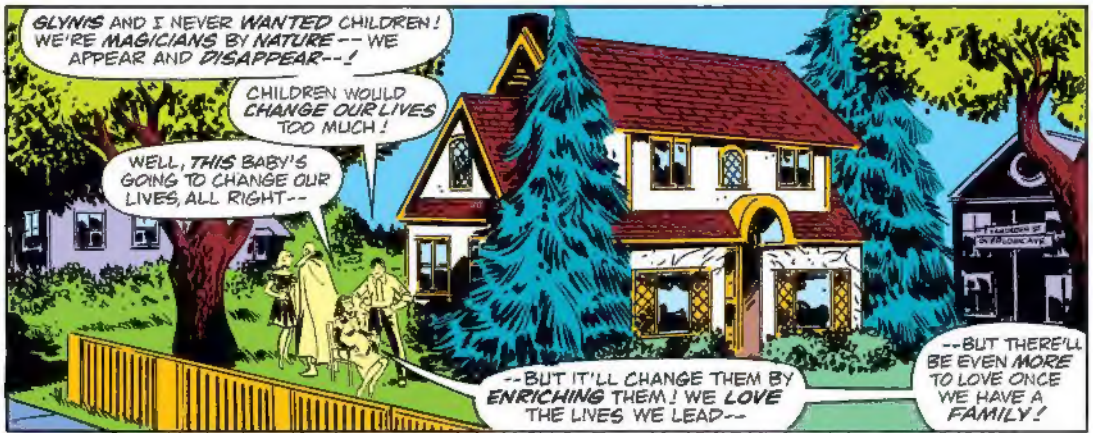
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* PHINEAS THOMAS HORTON WAS THE MAN, IN MARVEL MYSTERY #1 (1939).

* IT WAS IN AVENGERS #58 AND #135.

IN ANY EVENT, AS MUCH AS I OWE DR. HORTON, "PHINEAS" JUST WASN'T POSSIBLE IN THIS DAY AND AGE!

"THOMAS" IS A NICE NAME--!

WANDA, WHAT IS IT?

YOUR CONTRACTIONS AREN'T--?

NO, GLYNIS--

--BUT I THINK THEY WILL, TONIGHT!

TONIGHT? WHAT ABOUT THURSDAY?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU "THINK THEY WILL"?

I'M A WITCH, DARLING--!

I HAD--I DON'T KNOW, CALL IT INSIGHT--

--AS IF, FOR ONE MOMENT, I TOUCHED THE VAST SUBCONSCIOUS THAT CONNECTS ME--

--TO MY SON!

S-SON?

I KNEW HIM, VIZ! I KNEW THE LITTLE BOY INSIDE ME-- THE BEAUTIFUL LITTLE BOY--

--AND-- THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE-- SOMEWHERE! SOMEONE JUST AS WONDERFUL--!

AND I KNEW IT WAS ALL GOING TO HAPPEN TONIGHT--!



IT WILL HAPPEN
TONIGHT!

TONIGHT!

HER SHRIEK REBOUNDS FROM
THE DARK CAVERN WALLS, AS
HER WRITHING SHADOW WHIRLS
ACROSS THEM.



FLAMES WRITHE WITH HER,
HISSING AND SNAPPING
AT THE SOFT CAVERN AIR--

--DRUMS
BEAT WITH THE
RHYTHMS OF
HER BLOOD!



NEKRA --

--PRIESTESS OF
THE DARK ARTS!*

* LAST SEEN IN
VISION/WITCH #2.



FOR MANY MONTHS
SHE WORKED BESIDE
THE BLACK TALON,
MASTER OF VODOO
AND THE DEAD-
WHO-WALK!

FOR MANY MONTHS
SHE HATED HIM, AS
SHE IN TRUTH HATES
ALMOST EVERYTHING
IN LIFE--

--BECAUSE FROM HER
HATRED, SHE DRAWS
SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH
AND INVULNERABILITY!



BUT SHE LEARNED FROM THE BLACK TALON!

SHE LEARNED OF QUARTZ,
AND MAGNETISM, AND HERBS
THAT ONLY GROW IN CAVERNS.

SHE LEARNED THE
ANCIENT WAYS OF
DARKER POWER!

SHE LEARNED TO
RAISE THE DEAD!

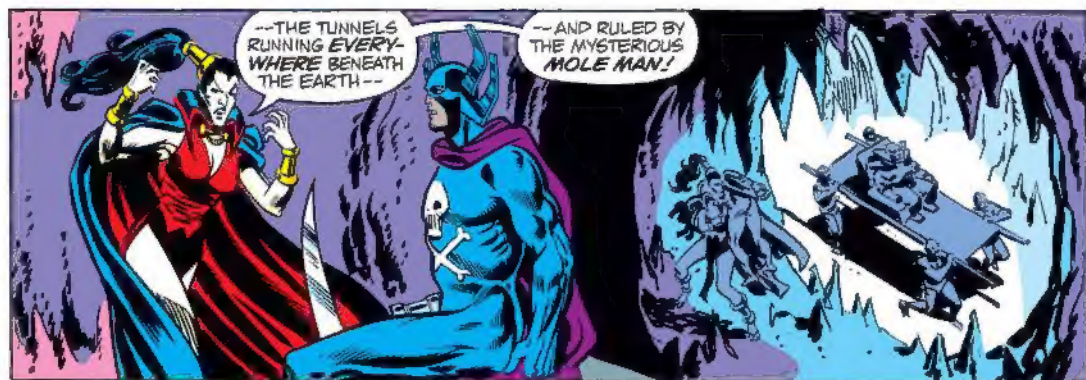
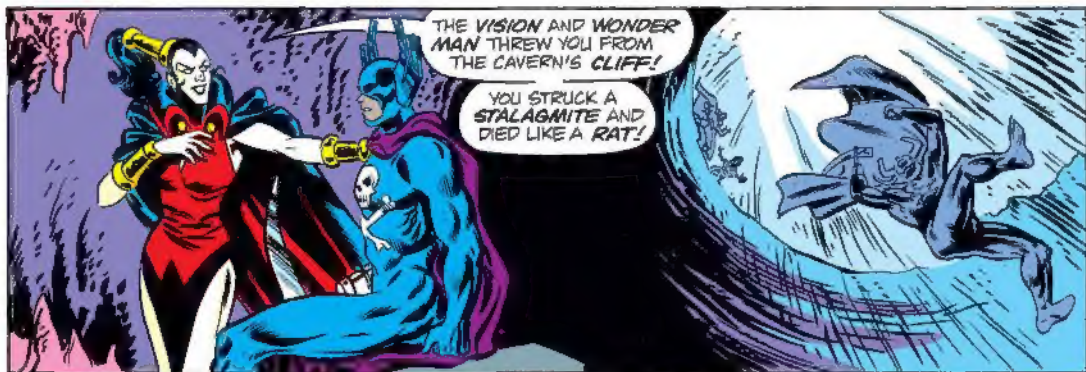


DEATH IS YOUR **TRADEMARK**,
AND NOW YOU AND DEATH
ARE... **INTIMATE**!



--MY ONE
LOVE!







I KNEW WHAT THE **BLACK TALON** HAD DONE--I'D PARTICIPATED IN HIS VILE RITES!

BUT KNOWING THE ART OF ZOMBIE, AND WORKING THE ART OF ZOMBIE, ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS!



IT'S TAKEN ME MONTHS TO REACH IN AND TOUCH YOU!



BUT I HAD **HATE** TO DRIVE ME--HATE THAT MAKES ME MORE ALIVE!

AND I HAD **LOVE**--THE ONE LOVE I ALLOW MYSELF, SO OVERWHELMING BECAUSE IT'S SO FOCUSED--



--THE LOVE I ALMOST... **HATE**...

...BECAUSE IT KEEPS THE **ALBINO DARKNESS** OF MY MIND FROM MATCHING THE UNBLEMISHED PERFECTION OF MY **PURE ALBINO BODY**!

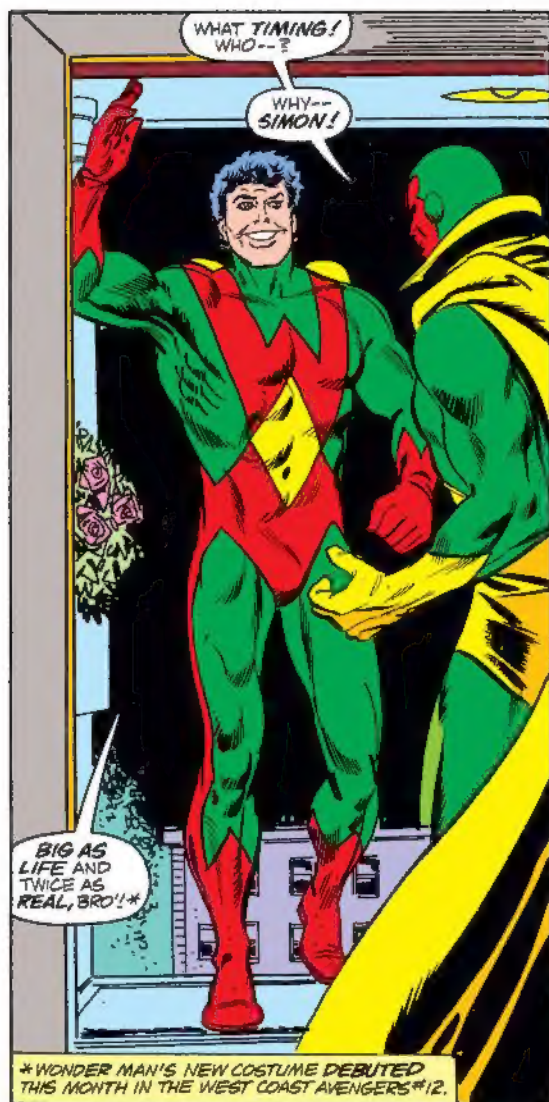


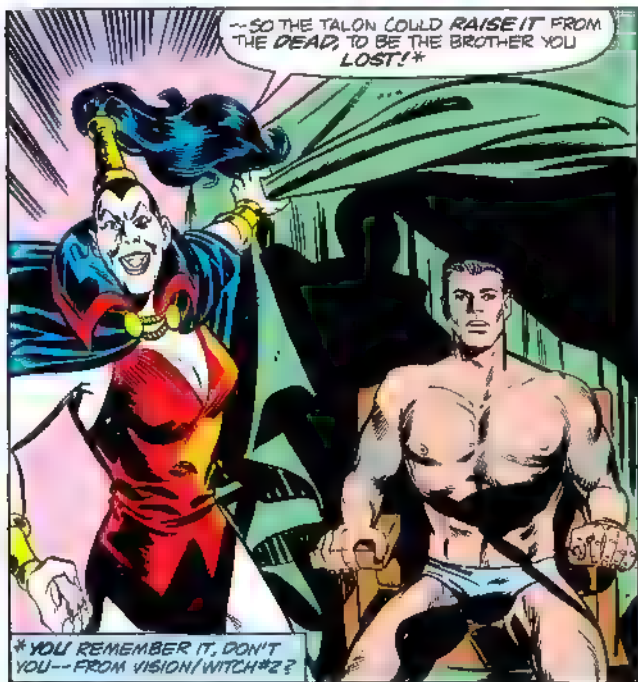
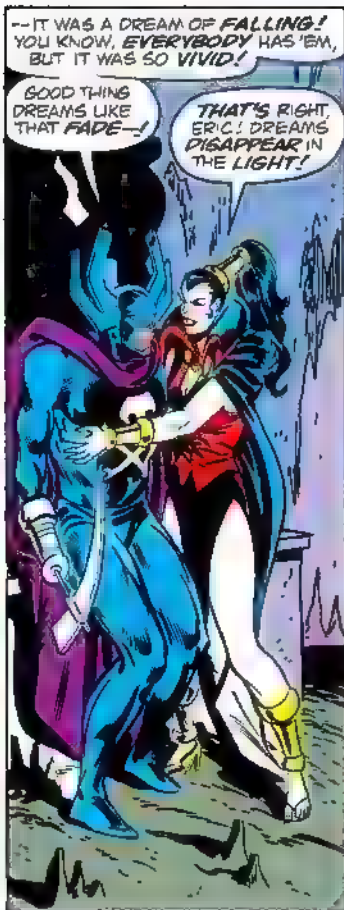
BUT **HATE** AND **LOVE** AND **HATE** HAVE BEEN REWARDED! MY WORK HAS BROUGHT YOU BACK TO ME AT LAST!



?WHUH! I HAD A TERRIBLE DREAM--!









HE'LL HAVE HIS OWN MIND, NOT SIMON'S-- BUT I KNOW WHO HE REALLY WAS!

BRADY KENT-- A PAID ASSASSIN FOR THE BOSTON MOB--

-- WHO SLIPPED UP, JUST ONCE!

ZOMBIE--!



BUT WITHOUT SIMON'S MIND, A ZOMBIE IS USELESS TO US!

ZOMBIES ARE STUPID-- SLOW-MOVING--!

TRADITIONALLY THAT'S TRUE, DARLING--



--BUT I LEARNED THE ART OF VOO-DOO IN LIGHT OF THE ARTS I LEARNED FROM THE CULT OF KALI,* AND THE TRIBES OF WEST AFRICA! **

A ZOMBIE I RAISE IS ALMOST TRULY ALIVE-- AND WILL THINK THAT IT IS IF NOT TOLD THE TRUTH--

* SPIDER-WOMAN #16
** SHANNA THE SHE-DEVIL #5



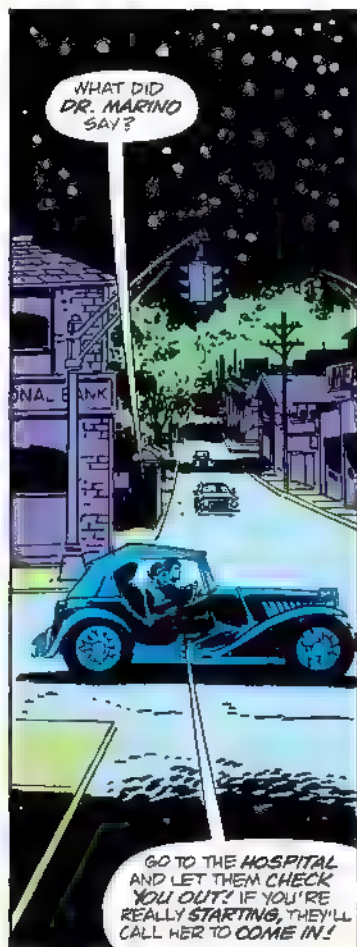
--SO WE WON'T TELL HIM, ERIC! HE DOESN'T NEED TO KNOW!

NO--'COURSE NOT! I CAN SEE THAT!

IT'S BETTER IF HE DOESN'T EVER KNOW--!



!UNNNH!! I FEEL LIKE I SLEPT FOR A WEEK...!



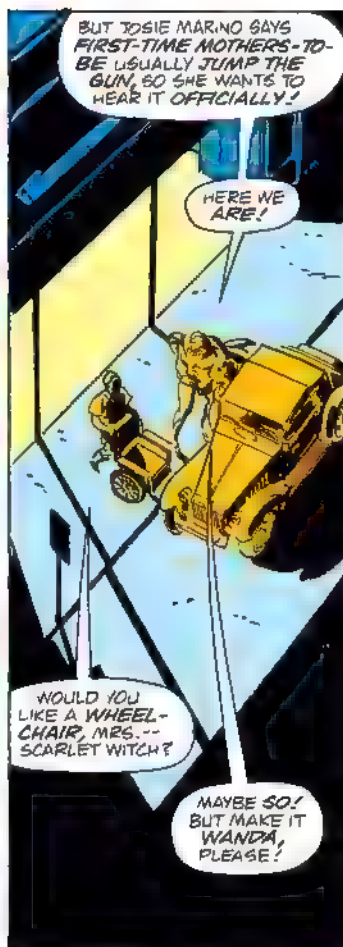
WHAT DID DR. MARINO SAY?

GO TO THE HOSPITAL AND LET THEM CHECK YOU OUT! IF YOU'RE REALLY STARTING, THEY'LL CALL HER TO COME IN!



I DO BELIEVE YOU, HONEY--

--SINCE YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM, KNOWING HE'S COMING SHOULD BE EASY FOR YOU!

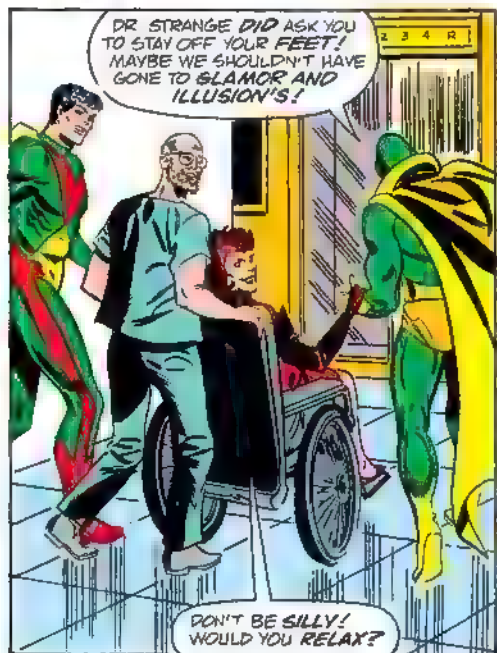


BUT JOSIE MARINO SAYS FIRST-TIME MOTHERS-TO-BE USUALLY JUMP THE GUN, SO SHE WANTS TO HEAR IT OFFICIALLY!

HERE WE ARE!

WOULD YOU LIKE A WHEEL-CHAIR, MRS.--SCARLET WITCH?

MAYBE SO! BUT MAKE IT WANDA, PLEASE!



DR. STRANGE DID ASK YOU TO STAY OFF YOUR FEET! MAYBE WE SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE TO GLAMOR AND ILLUSION'S!

DON'T BE SILLY! WOULD YOU RELAX?



MATERNITY FLOOR'S ON THREE!

WHAT ARE ALL THE PEOPLE DOING HERE?

CELEBRITY-WATCHING, I'M AFRAID!

YOU'RE EASILY THE MOST FAMOUS PATIENT WE'VE HAD AT ENGLEWOOD HOSPITAL

AND YOUR HUSBAND AND BROTHER-IN-LAW AREN'T ENTIRELY UNKNOWN, EITHER!



MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER DIMENSION, DOCTOR STRANGE, MASTER OF THE MYSTIC ARTS, IS IN THE MIDST OF A FANTASTIC ADVENTURE! HE HAS ONLY 73 SECONDS TO PREVENT THE WORLD FROM PLUMMETING INTO DARKNESS!

STAY YOUR HAND, COLABRUN! MY REALM CANNOT SUPPORT YOUR PRESENCE!

NEVER, STRANGE!

EACH LIVING CREATURE IS A FOUNT OF PSYCHIC WINE FOR ME, AND IT MATTERS NOT THE TYPE OF LIFE!

JUST AS EASILY AS I ABSORB YOUR ENERGY BOLTS, YOUR PULSING APES AND THEIR SERVANT CREATURES WILL SLAKE ME FOR THE CYCLE OF A POLE STAR!

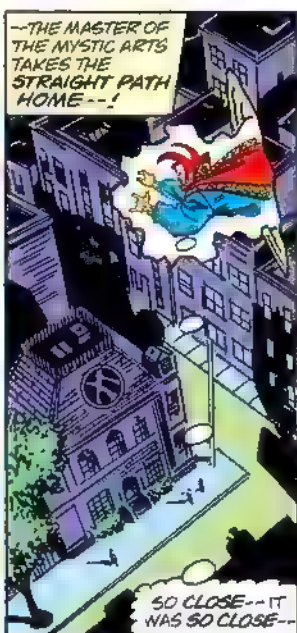
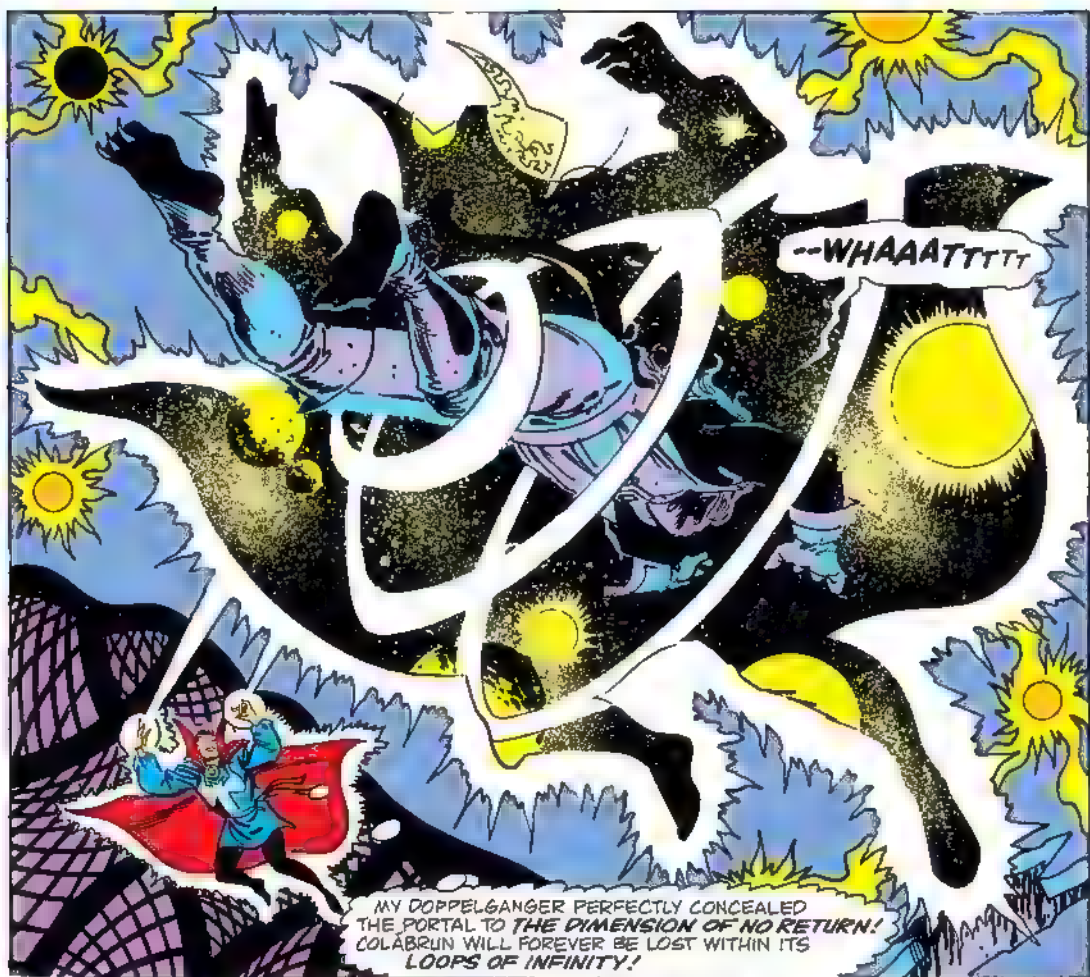
NOT IF YOU CAN'T REACH THEM!

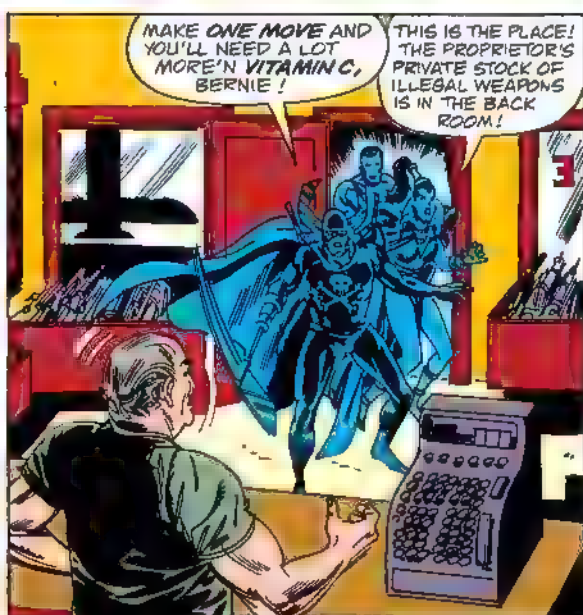
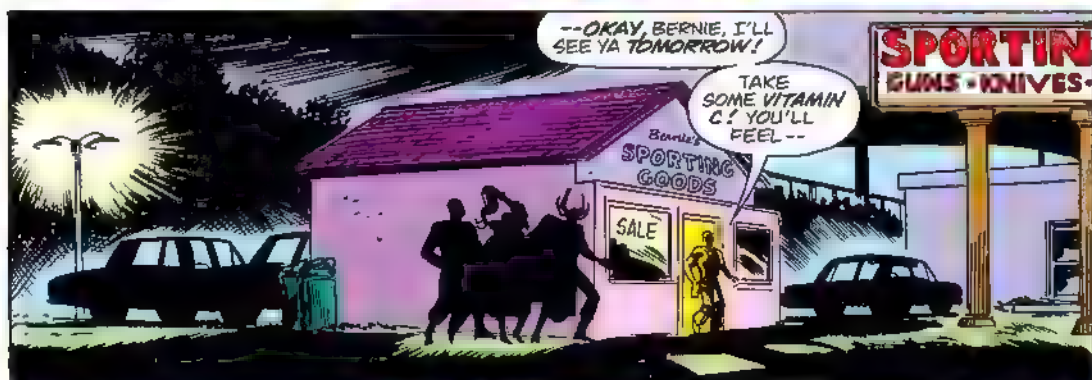
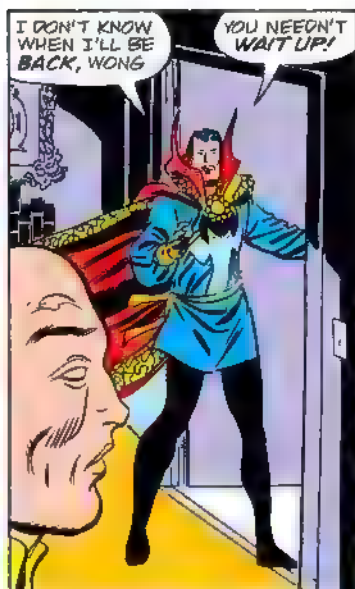
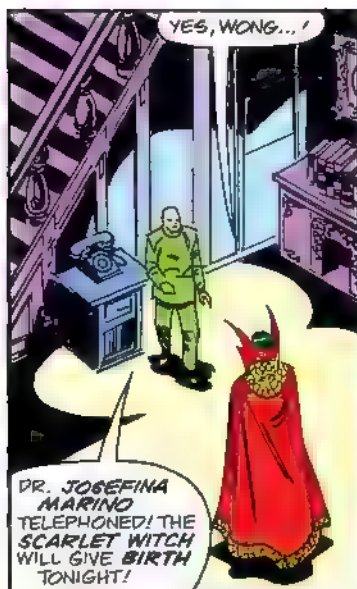
PERHAPS, NETHER SPAWN, THIS IS WHY I FOCUSED MY WILL ON CONFUSING YOUR PATH BACK TO MY REALM!

YOU--

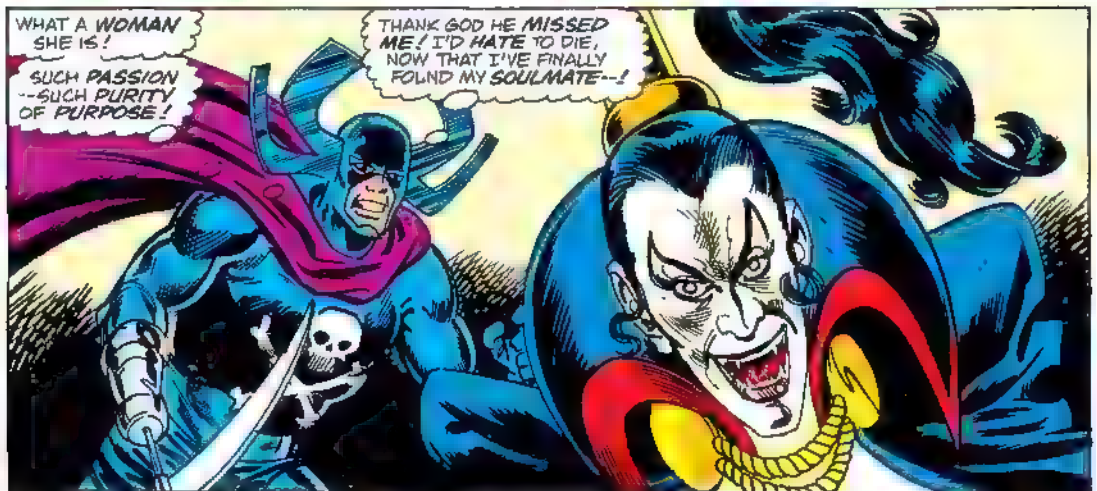
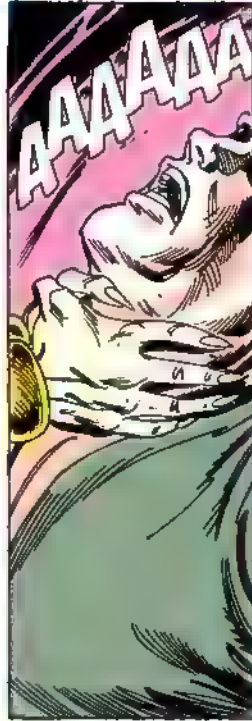
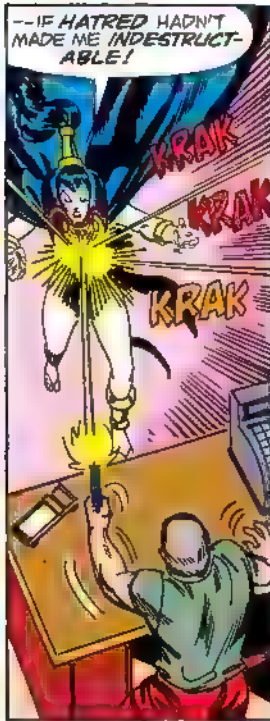
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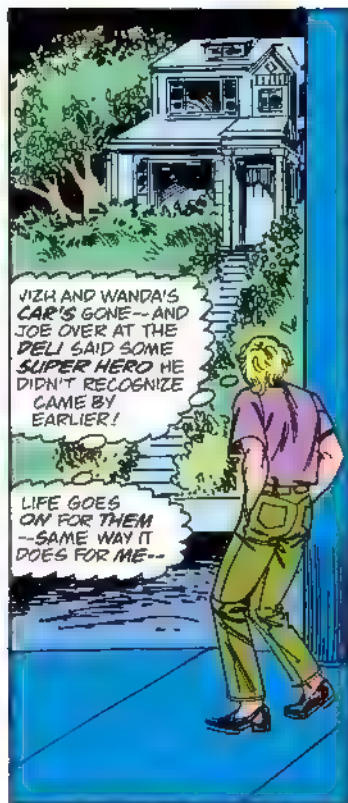
DELUSION FOLLOWS HARD ON SORCERY, STRANGE! YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STOP ME!











WIZARD AND WANDA'S CAR'S GONE-- AND JOE OVER AT THE DELI SAID SOME SUPER HERO HE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE CAME BY EARLIER!

LIFE GOES ON FOR THEM --SAME WAY IT DOES FOR ME--

--BUT WE'LL NEVER BE FRIENDS AGAIN--
--AND ALL BECAUSE I FELL IN LOVE! THAT'S THE HARD PART!
IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY!



NORMAN--!



CRYSTAL!
MY GOD, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU--

YES! I WAS NEAR DEATH, FROM SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME ON EARTH! BUT THAT WAS TWO MONTHS AGO, AND WE INHUMANS ARE GENETICALLY STRONG!

I'VE RECOVERED, AND IF I LEAVE HERE WITHIN THE HOUR, I WON'T RISK A RELAPSE!

* VISION / WITCH #10.



OH, MAN! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

AND YOU, NORMAN! BETTER, I SWEAR, THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE!

I CAME TO TELL YOU--! MY HUSBAND, PIETRO, IS STILL MISSING! OUR MARRIAGE SEEMS SHATTERED BEYOND REPAIR! IF HE DOESN'T RETURN TO ME AND MY DAUGHTER SHORTLY --MY FAMILY-- THE ROYAL FAMILY OF ATILAN-- WILL GRANT ME A DIVORCE!



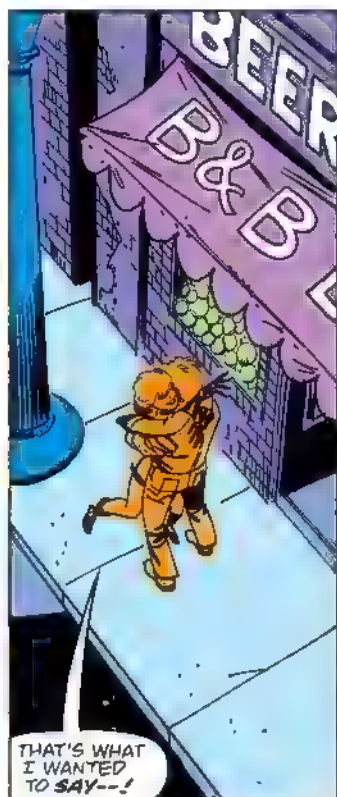
CRYSTAL!
BUT-- I'VE BEEN REMINDED THAT I AM OF ROYAL BLOOD! I WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN, NORMAN--

--BUT NOT UNTIL AFTER THE DIVORCE! THEN, IF YOU STILL WANT TO--

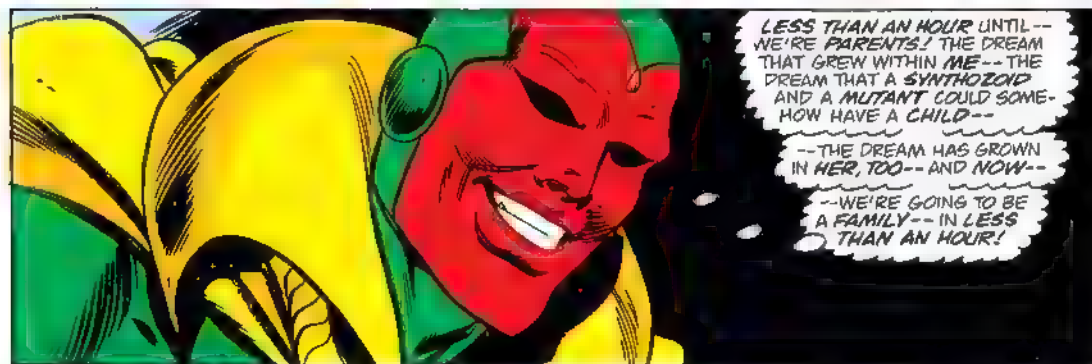
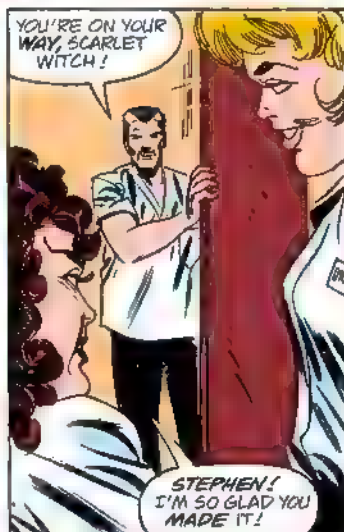
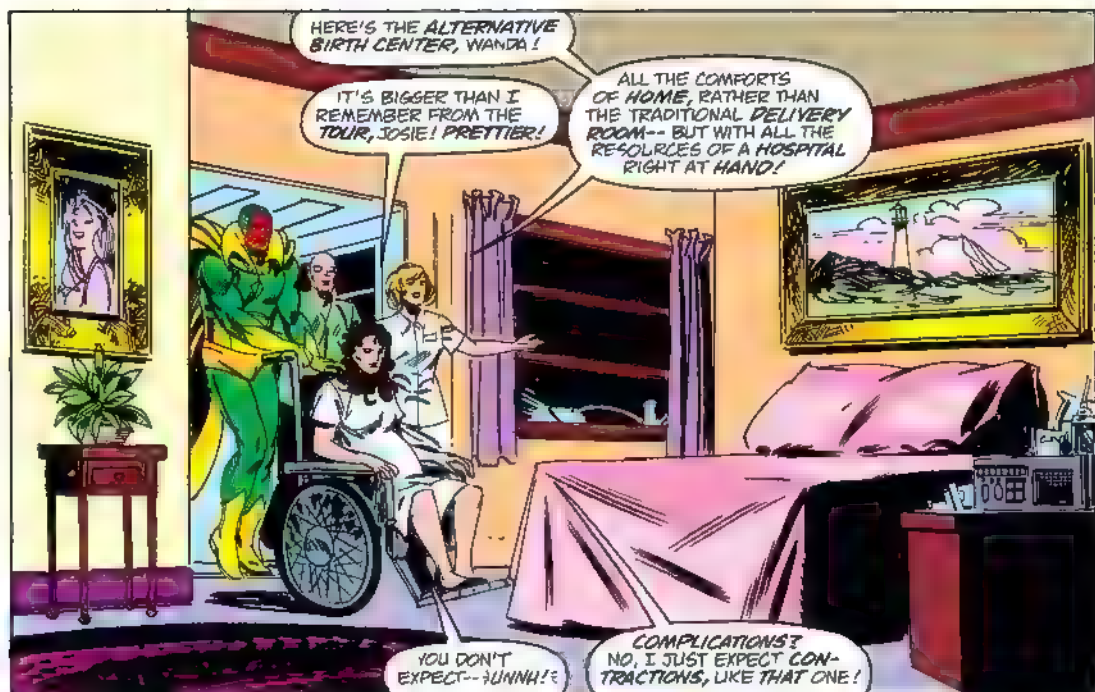


WANT TO? CRYSTAL! NO MATTER WHAT PRICE WE PAID FOR WHAT WE FELT-- I'M AS CRAZY ABOUT YOU AS I EVER WAS!

THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR, NORMAN!



THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SAY--!

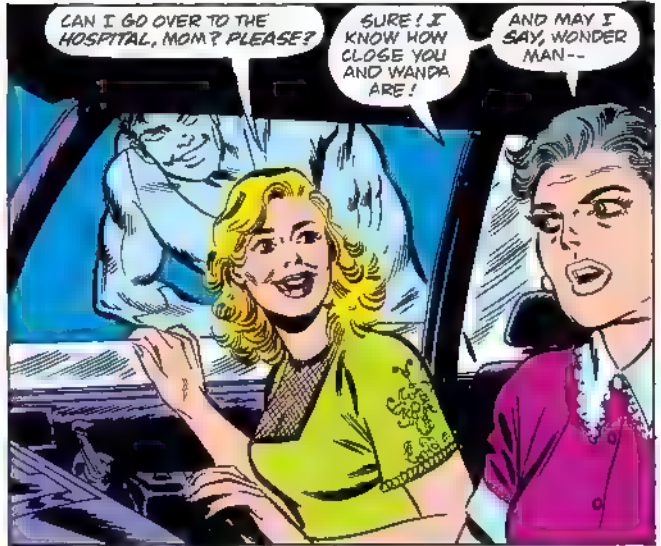




--SO THERE WON'T BE A LESSON TONIGHT, HOLLY!

WOW! SHE WASN'T DUE TILL THURSDAY!

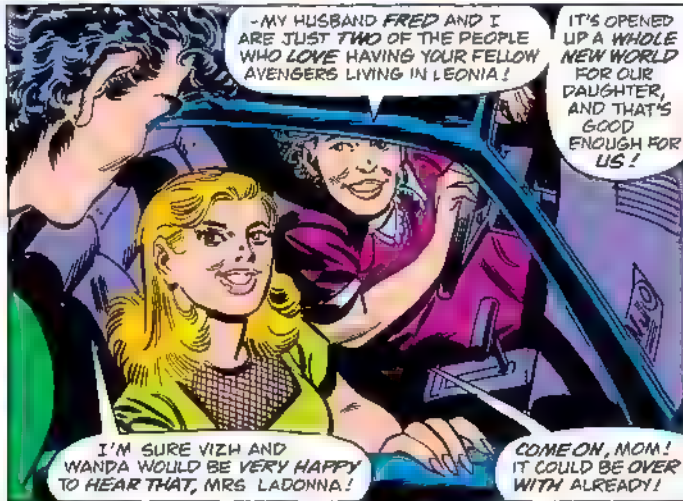
YOU WERE TWELVE DAYS EARLY, YOUNG LADY!



CAN I GO OVER TO THE HOSPITAL, MOM? PLEASE?

SURE! I KNOW HOW CLOSE YOU AND WANDA ARE!

AND MAY I SAY, WONDER MAN--

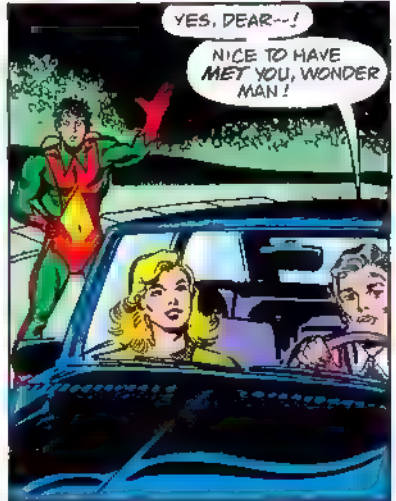


--MY HUSBAND FRED AND I ARE JUST TWO OF THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE HAVING YOUR FELLOW AVENGERS LIVING IN LEONIA!

IT'S OPENED UP A WHOLE NEW WORLD FOR OUR DAUGHTER, AND THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR US!

I'M SURE VIZH AND WANDA WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT, MRS. LADONNA!

COME ON, MOM! IT COULD BE OVER WITH ALREADY!



YES, DEAR--!

NICE TO HAVE MET YOU, WONDER MAN!



PEOPLE DO LIKE AVENGERS, DO THEY NOT, WONDER MAN?

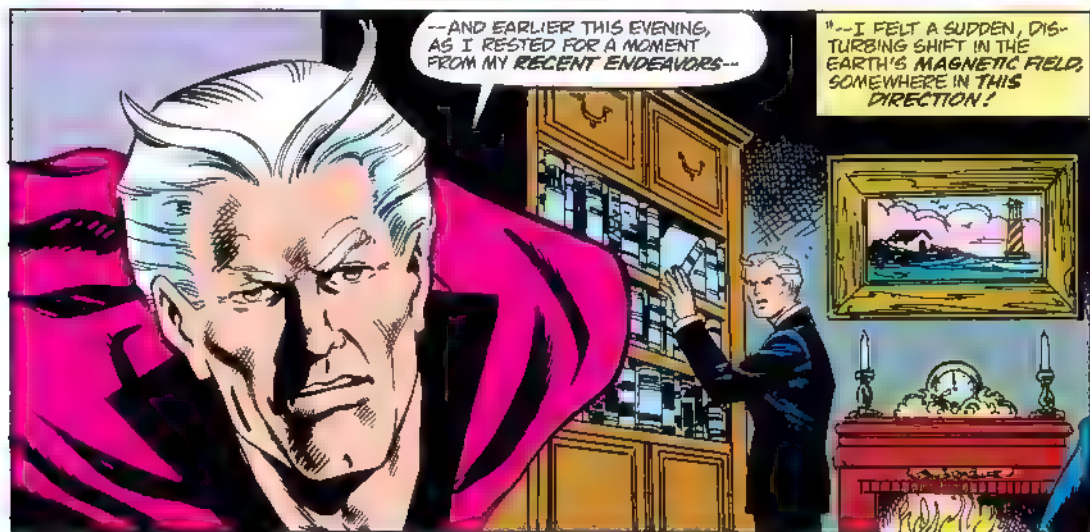
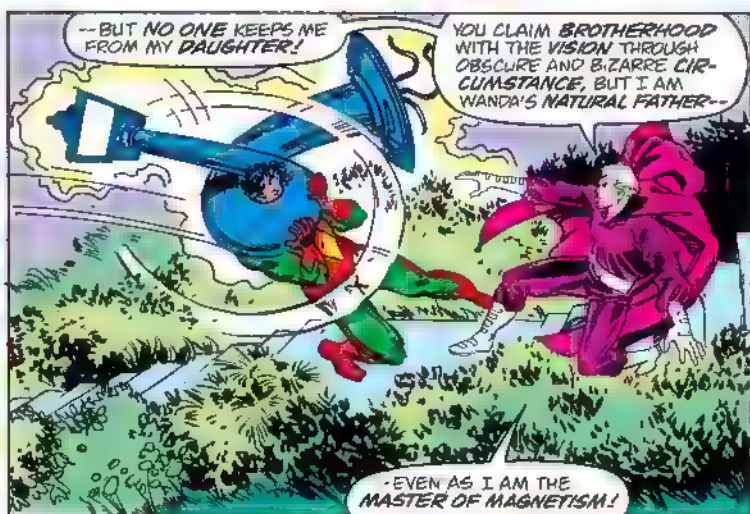
HUH?



MAGNETO!

INDEED!

INDEED--!



"I DECIDED TO SEEK THE SOURCE OF THE SHIFT, AND DISCOVERED A STRONG RESIDUAL CHARGE IN ONE OF THE MOLE MAN'S CAVERNS THREE MILES FROM THIS SPOT!"



"THE CAUSE OF THE SHIFT STILL ELUDES ME, BUT I THOUGHT IT MIGHT CONCERN MY DAUGHTER--"

-- AND SO I CAME HERE-- TO BE CERTAIN NOTHING HAPPENS TO HER... AND MY GRAND-CHILD!

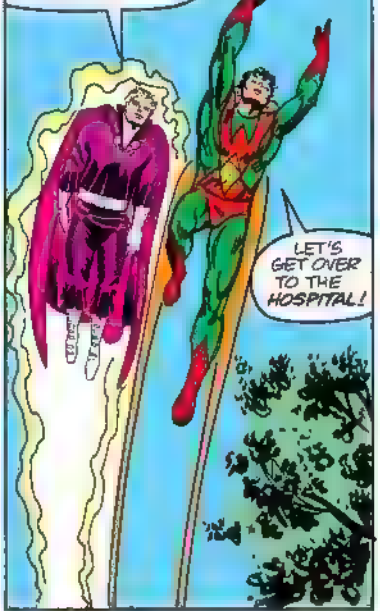


WHERE PEOPLE LIKE US ARE CONCERNED, YOU CAN'T TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED!

ALL RIGHT! I'LL WORK WITH YOU ON THIS-- BUT I'LL KEEP MY GUARD UP!

YOUR STORY IS TENUOUS, MAGNETO-- BUT WHAT HOLDS GOOD FOR YOU HOLDS GOOD FOR EVERYTHING ELSE--!

FAIR ENOUGH-- BECAUSE I NEVER LOWER MY GUARD!



LET'S GET OVER TO THE HOSPITAL!

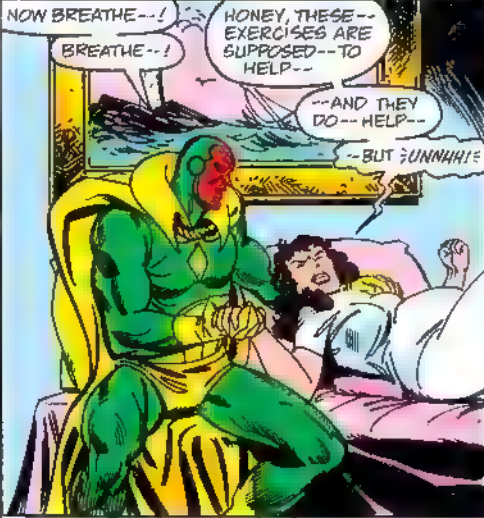
NOW BREATHE--!

BREATHE--!

HONEY, THESE EXERCISES ARE SUPPOSED-- TO HELP--

--AND THEY DO-- HELP--

--BUT SUNNHHH!



THAT'S GOOD! JUST LET THE PAIN FLOW OUT!

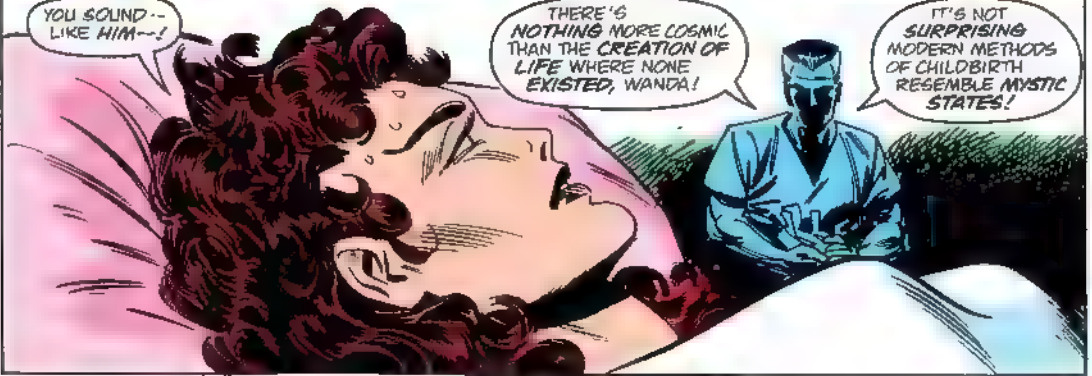
EASY FOR YOU-- TO SAY-- MISTER--!

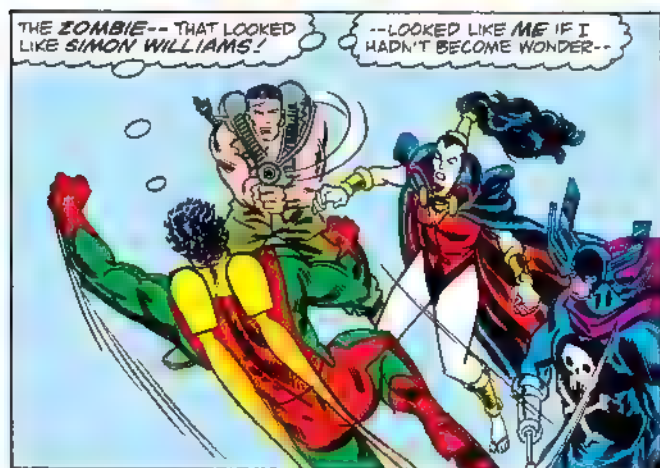


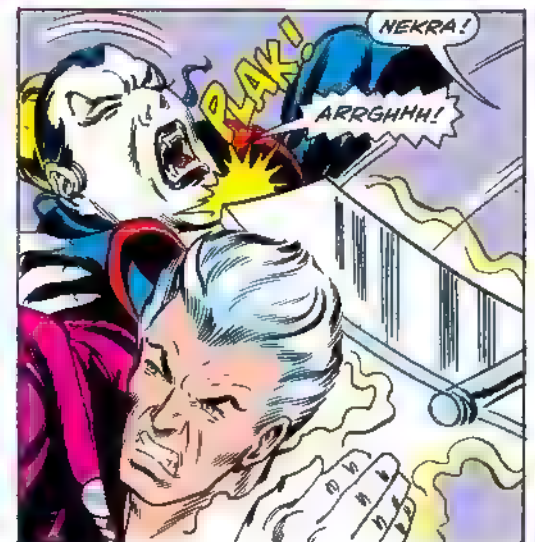
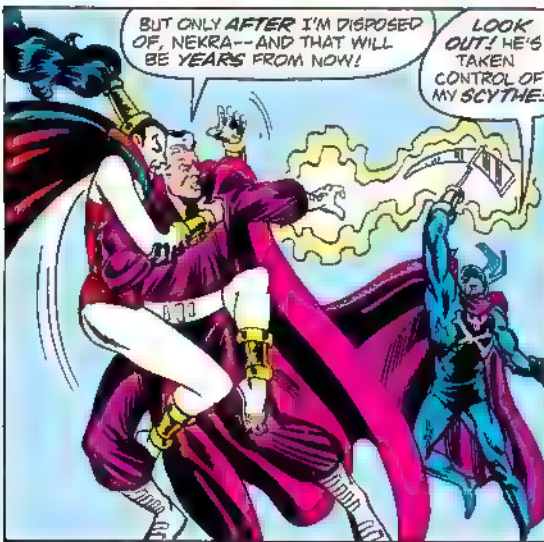
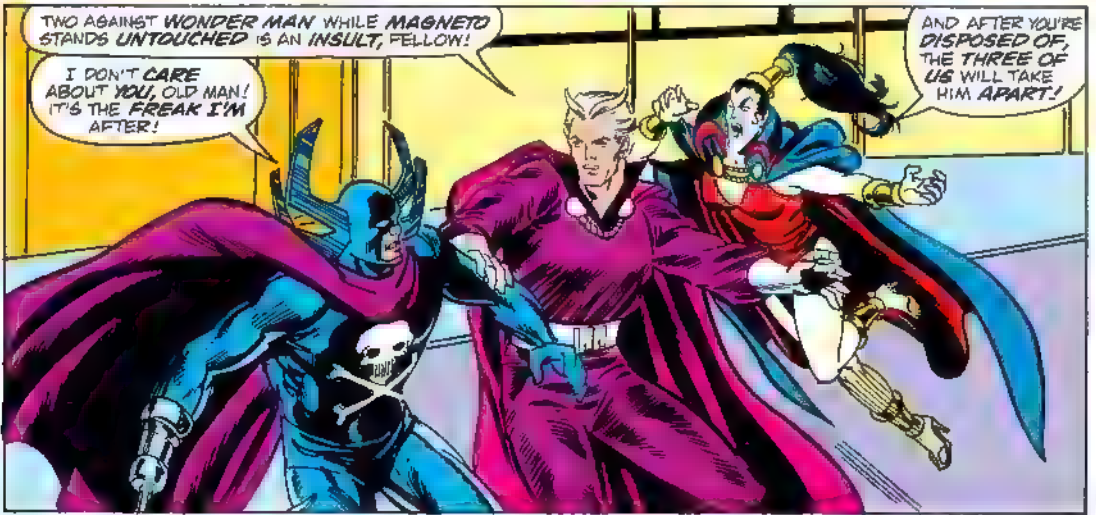
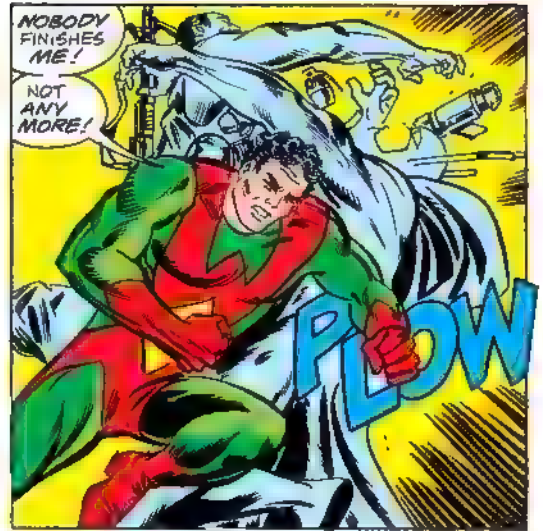
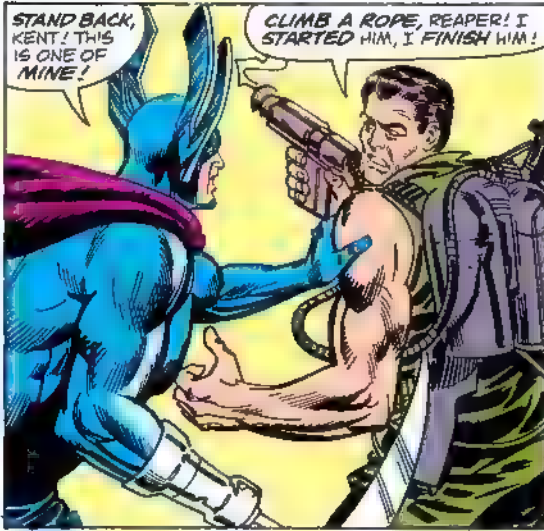
YOU SOUND-- LIKE HIM--!

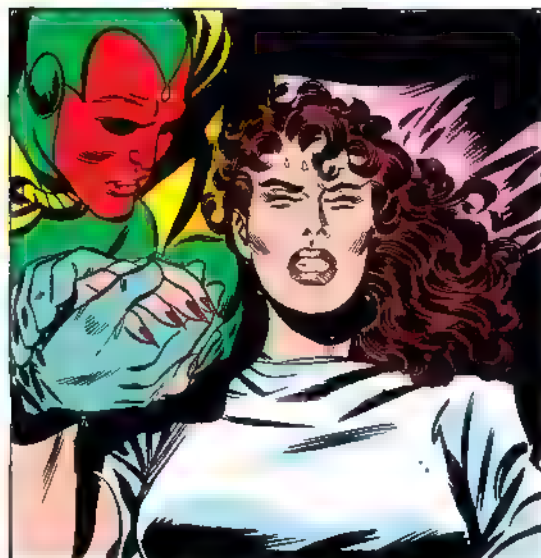
THERE'S NOTHING MORE COSMIC THAN THE CREATION OF LIFE WHERE NONE EXISTED, WANDA!

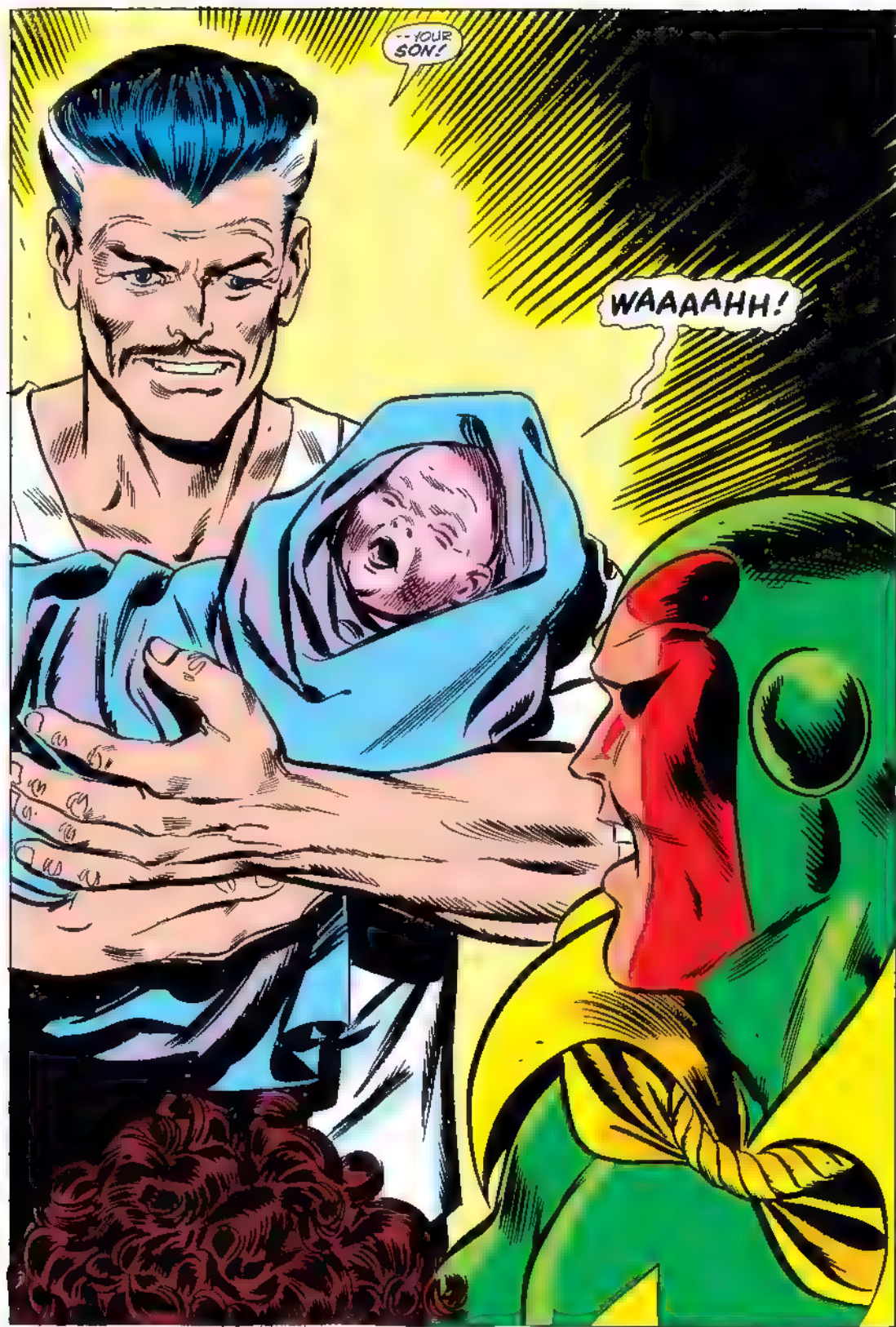
IT'S NOT SURPRISING MODERN METHODS OF CHILDBIRTH RESEMBLE MYSTIC STATES!

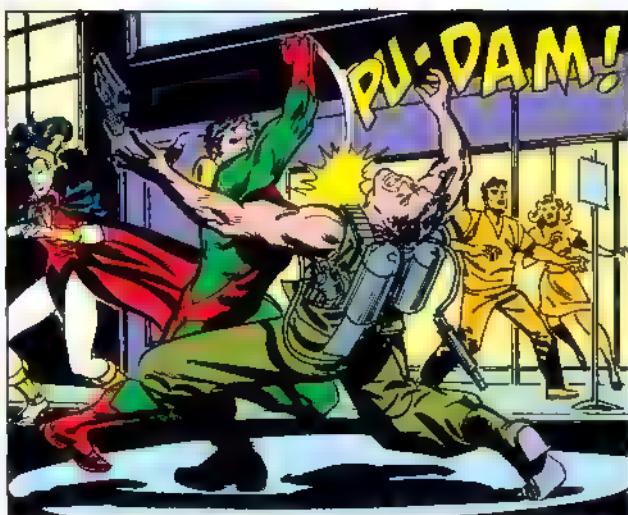
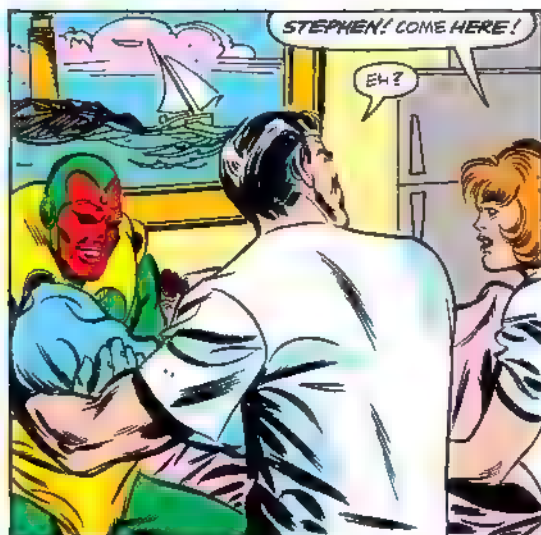


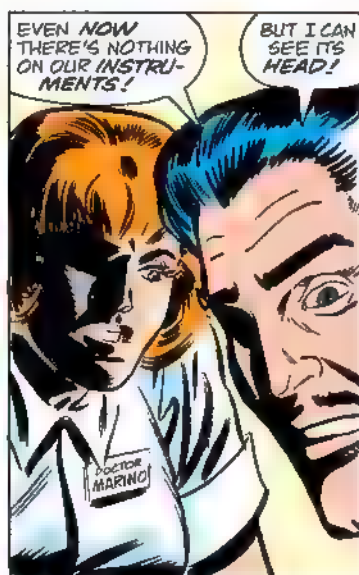
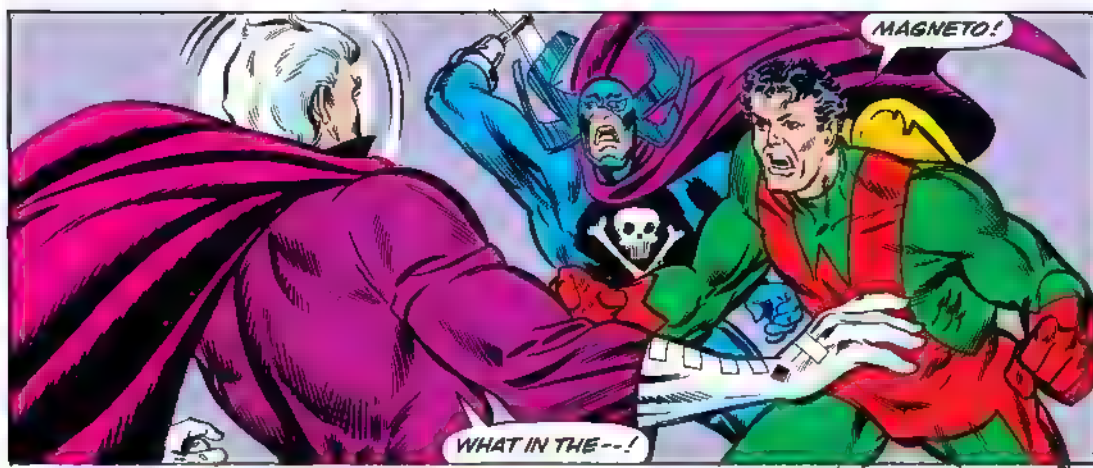


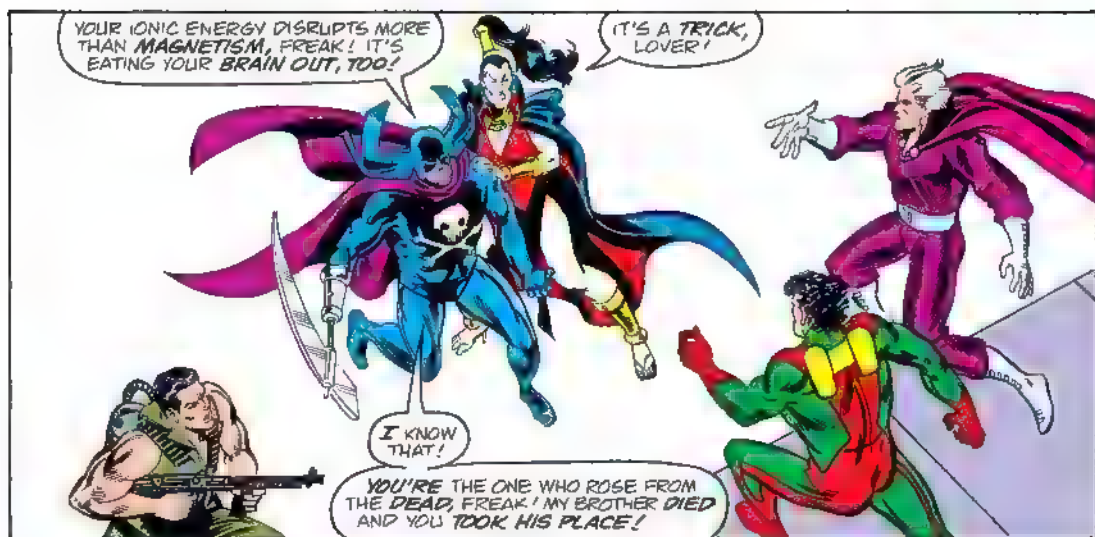


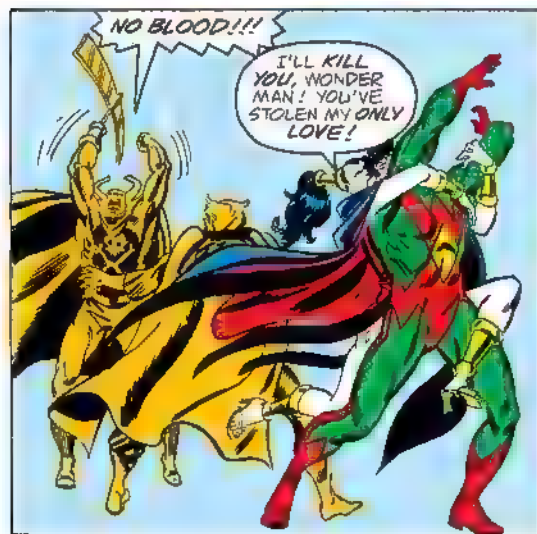
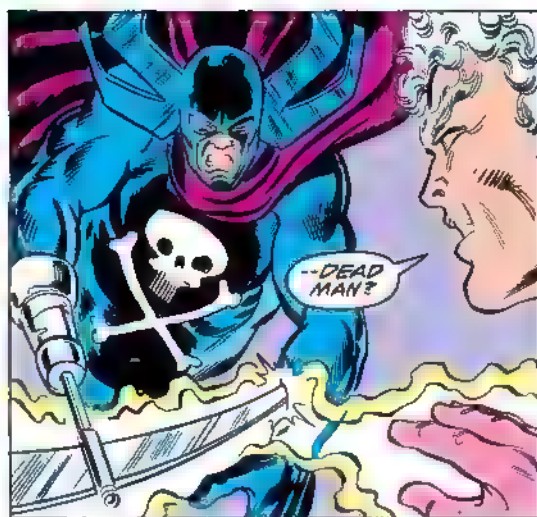
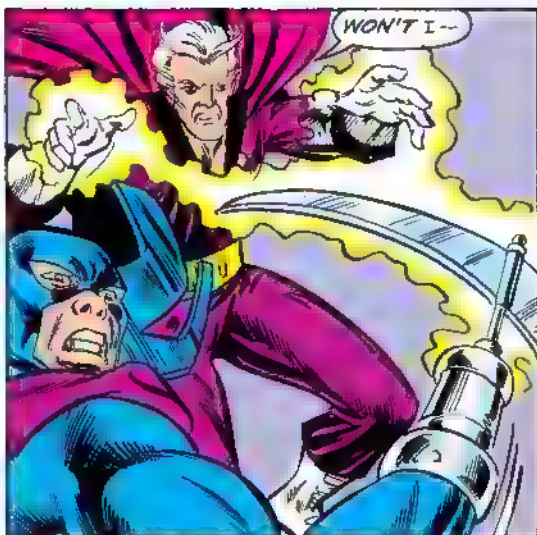
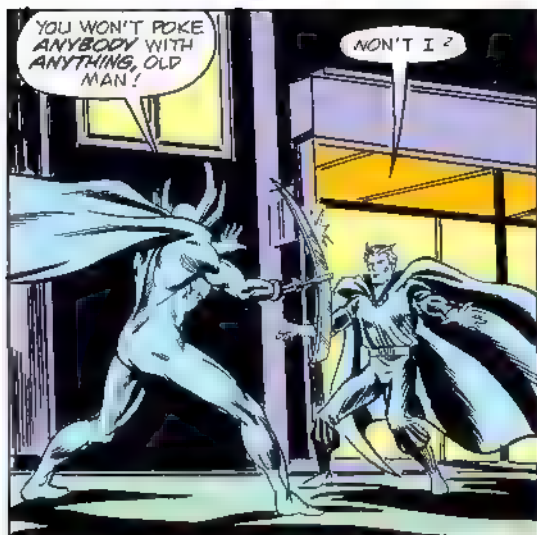


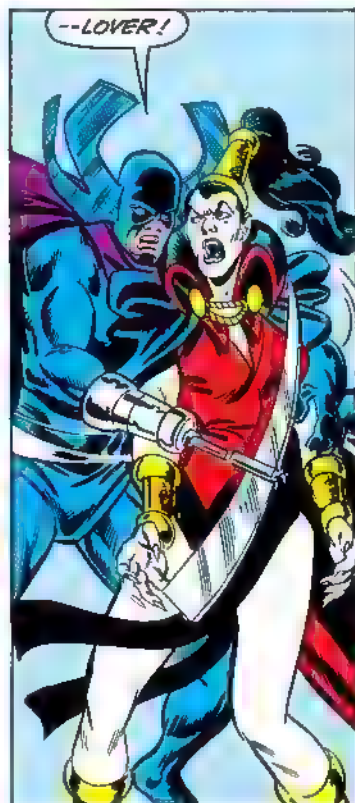
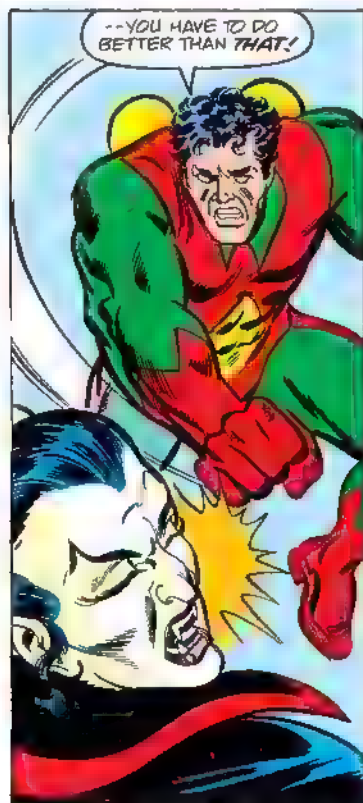
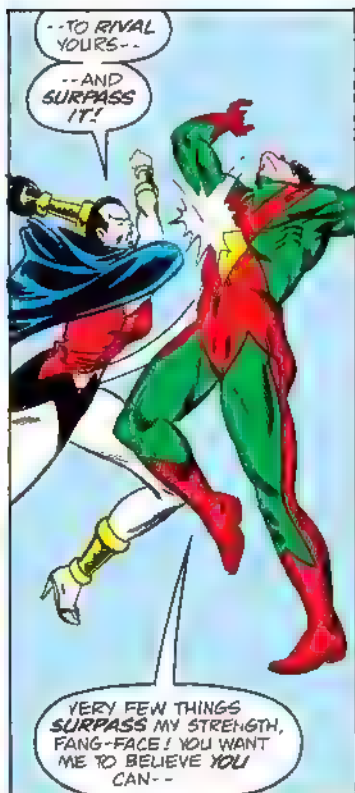
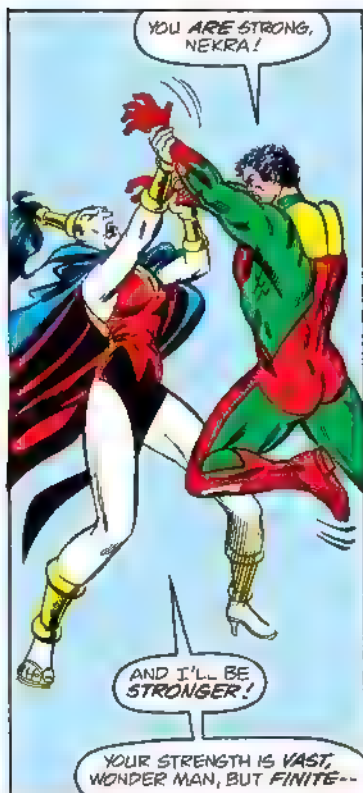


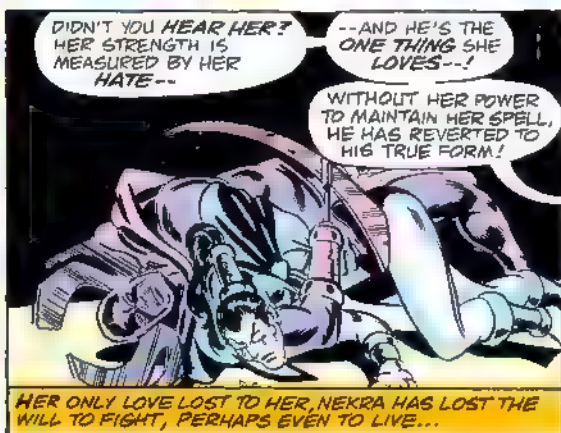
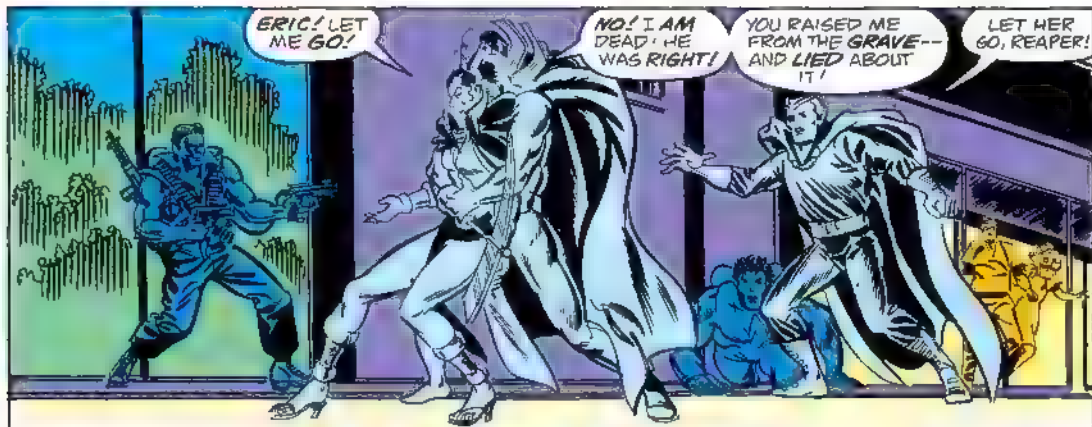


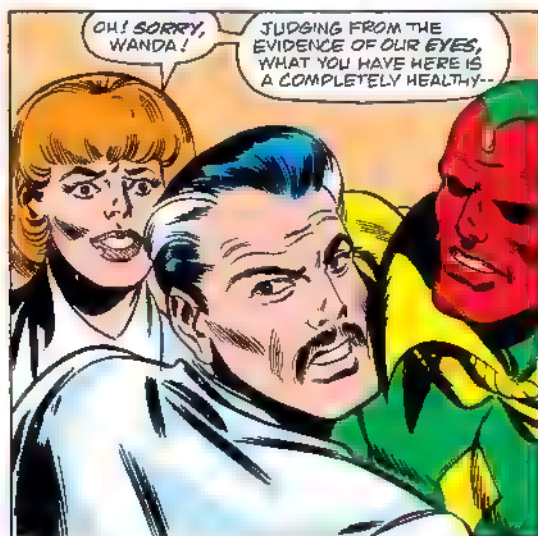
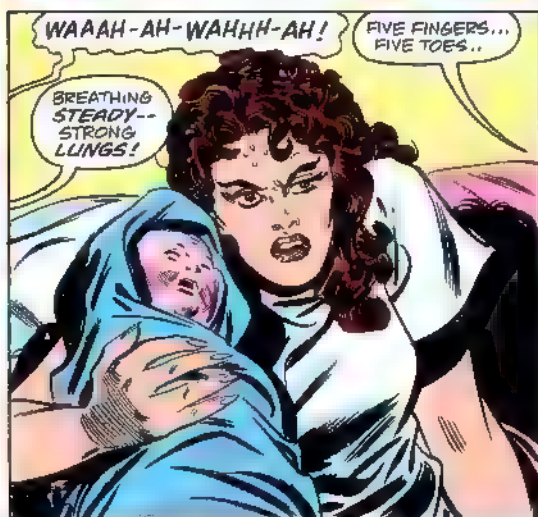
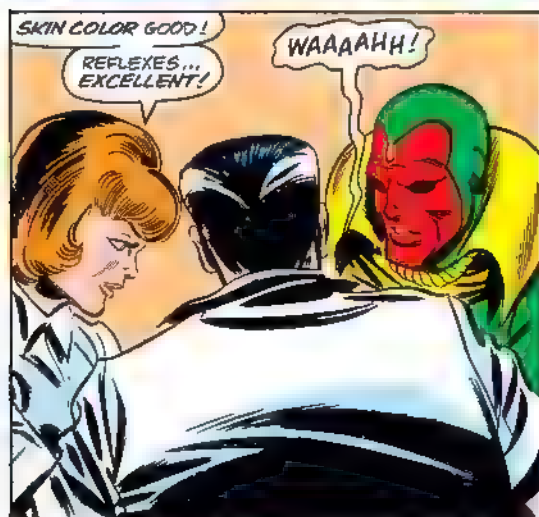
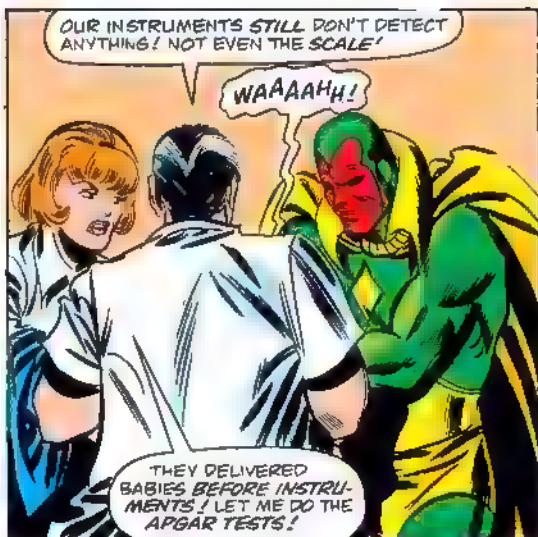








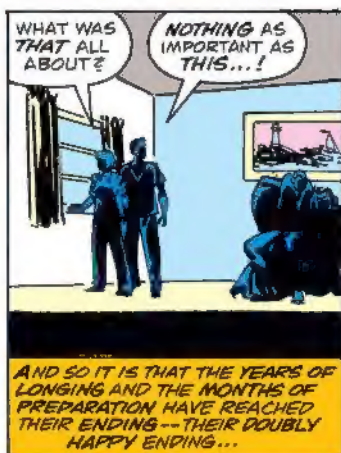




--SECOND
BABY BOY!









NINE MONTHS AGO, MOTHER, YOU FOUND YOU HAD TWO SONS WHERE ONLY ONE HAD BEEN BEFORE--*

--AND NOW YOU HAVE TWO GRANDSONS!

AS DO YOU...

* WEST COAST AVENGERS #2.



...MAGNETO!

WHAT DID YOU FINALLY DECIDE FOR THE SECOND ONE?

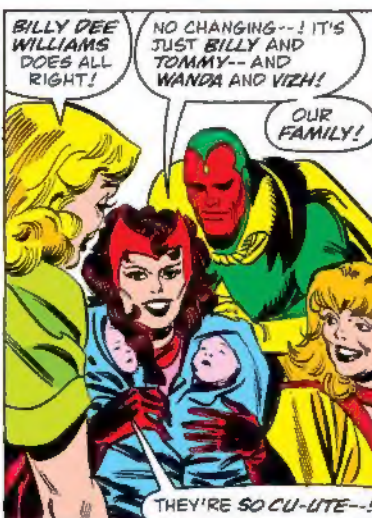
WILLIAM-- FROM SIMON WILLIAMS!



OUR SONS AND WE HAVE NO LAST NAME -- I AM THE VISION, PERIOD-- BUT I WANTED TO CARRY THE WILLIAMS NAME FORWARD SOMEHOW!

YOU ARE MY SONS-- BOTH OF YOU! I'M SO PROUD TO BE YOUR MOTHER!

JUST DON'T CHANGE YOUR MINDS ABOUT YOUR LAST NAME! WILLIAM WILLIAMS DOESN'T SCAN!



BILLY DEE WILLIAMS DOES ALL RIGHT!

NO CHANGING--! IT'S JUST BILLY AND TOMMY-- AND WANDA AND VIZ!

OUR FAMILY!

THEY'RE SO CU-LITE--!



BOTH BOYS NAMED FROM HIS SIDE OF THE FAMILY! BUT WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

IT'S ENOUGH THAT SHE ALLOWS ME TO VISIT--

--FOR NOW!



GLYNIS AND I WILL HAVE TO STEAL A SILVER SERVICE SOON-- HAVE IT MELTED DOWN FOR BABY CUPS!

I'VE GOT TO GET THEM OUT TO THE COAST SOMEDAY--!

JUST LIKE THE PREGNANCY, OUR LIMITED SERIES HAS COME TO AN END-- BUT JUST LIKE LIFE, THE STORIES OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED WILL GO ON!

NOT HERE, OF COURSE -- BUT THE MARVEL UNIVERSE IS ALL-ENCOMPASSING! IN FACT... WELL, SEE THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE LETTERS PAGE!

AND FOR NOW-- THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THESE RITES!



THE LAST WORD BELONGS TO THE BOYS...

WAAAA!

WAAAA!

THE END